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Cattle and Calf Death Losses Report Released

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 5, 2006 -- Cattle and calf losses from animal predators and non-predator causes in the United States totaled 4.05 million head (excluding Alaska) and totaled 44,000 head in Washington. The national report provides detailed breakouts of cattle and calf losses by predators and non-predator causes, as well as data on non-lethal predator control measures. A Pacific Northwest report covering Washington, Oregon and Idaho is also available on the Washington website at: www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Washington/Publications/Livestock/pnwcatl.pdf

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